(ख) से (घ) प्रस्तावित संधि पर अभी बातचीत चल रही है। इसमें जो और विशिष्ट बातें शामिल की जानी हैं उन्हें इसे अन्तिम रूप देने के बाद ही परिभाषित किया जाएगा।

Refusal of visa to students pursuing studies in U.S.A.

1653. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that students who want to pursue future studies in a country like USA are refused visa without any reason; and

(b) whether Government propose to consider the applications first before these are decided by U.S. Embassy and recommend genuine cases?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Government are aware that many Indian students obtain visas for pursuing higher studies in the USA and many are unable to obtain visas for the same purpose.

(b) No, Sir.

Repatriation of Indian crew from Pakistan

1654. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation dated 8th February, 1992 from the President, Machhimar Boat Association, Porbandar, regarding the repatriation of five fishing vessels and fortyone fishermen seized by the Pakistan authorities;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Pakistani Marine Security agency seized 5 fishing trawlers and 41 fishermen in December, 1991 from the coast line of the North-West coast of Kutch on the ground that their vessels and crew have encroached into their area;

(c) whether the Indian crew are still in Pakistani jail; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take for the immediate repatriation of Indian crew and their vessels from the Pakistani authorities, to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Pakistan. Steps have been initiated to secure the earliest possible release and repatriation of 41 Indian fishermen and the return of the 5 boats.

Help sought from permanent members of Security Council on Kashmir issue

1655. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government sought the help of permanent members of Security Council in the wake of JKLF threat to cross the line of actual control;

(b) whether it is in conformity with the policy of Government for not seeking the intervention of third country in Kashmir Affairs; and

(c) what action has been taken to ensure that the areas of Kashmir occupied by Pakistan is liberated?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Government's consistent position remain unchanged i.e. under the Simla Agreement all differences with Pakistan are to be resolved bilaterally and

there can be no scope for any outside or third party involvement of any sort.

(c) The issue that remains to be settled in this regard is the vacation by Pakistan of the territory illegally occupied by it in J & K. Government are committed to the Simla Agreement under which all differences with Pakistan are to be resolved bilaterally and peacefully.

Supply of Mirage Fighters to Pakistn by France

1656. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI KRISHAN KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that France has agreed to supply a squadron of Mirage Fighters to Pakistan besides a nuclear plant; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government with regard thereto particularly in the context of indo-France relationship?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Government is aware that some discussions on the possible supply of a uclear power plant and two squadrons of Mirage 2000 aircraft took place during Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's visit to France in January 1992, however, no agreement has been concluded so far.

(b) Government is keeping a watch on developments in this regard, and will take appropriate steps to ensure India's security. Our concerns about any arms sales to Pakistan disproportionate to Pakistan's legitimate defence needs are known to the French Government.

Difficulties being faced by Indian students in Russia

1657. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that about 4000 Indian students studying in Russia are in difficulties inspite of cooperative attitude on the part of Russian Govvernment to help those students; and

(b) whether the Government of India have taken up the issue with the Russian Government to safeguard the interest of the Indian Students who are studying there?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. The difficulties are being faced by Indian students in Russia as a result of the radical economic and political restructuring that has taken place in the former USSR.

(b) Yes, Sir. The matter has been taken up with the Government of the Russian Federation both by the Embassy of India in Moscow as also by Foreign Secretary during his visit in January, 1992.

U.S. Conditions for permanent seat to India in Security Council

1658. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have requested for a permanent seat in the Security Council;

(b) whether it is also a fact that United States policy-planners propose to link the above request with India's signing the nuclear non-proliferation treaty; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Goernment thereto?